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Since issuing my search report of 27 March 2000, I have become aware of the following document:

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I enclose two copies of an amended search report together with a copy of the document.
The amended report which mentions the document will be published with your application.

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A	GB 2329918 (BAKER HUGHES INC.) see figures and page 3, line 29 to page 4, line 12	-
A	GB 2305682 (BAKER HUGHES INC.) see whole document, particularly figures 2 & 3	-
A	GB 2115860 (HUGHES TOOL COMPANY) see figure 1B	-
X	WO 9800626 (SHELL INT RESEARCH) see whole document, particularly figure 1	1
X	US 5348095 (SHELL OIL CO.) see whole document	1

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